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SUBJECT: MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

SUMMARY. DELIBERATIONS ON A ROUTING SYSTEM IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE, SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF INFLEXIBILITY OF SPONSORING GOVERNMENTS' DELEGATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. USDEL FULLY BRIEFED ON PROPOSAL BEFOREHAND AND PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN ALL RESPECTS. MATTERS OF ROUTING REFERRED TO USUAL IMCO WORKING GROUP (WG) BY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO TREAT THIS PROPOSAL AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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2. DELIBERATIONS AT WG LEVEL PROVED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. SPONSORING DELEGATIONS' POSITION FLEXIBLE ONLY ON INSIGNIFICANT MATTERS. MOST WG SUGGESTIONS TO BRING PROPOSAL INTO TECHNICAL CONFORMANCE WERE BEING REJECTED BY SPONSORS WITHOUT DIALOGUE.

3. USDEL VOLUNTEERED TO CHAIR SMALL DRAFTING GROUP,

HOPING SIZE WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT EXPLORATION TO ARRIVE
AT COMPROMISE. THIS CONTINUES.

4. PROPOSAL INCLUDES RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SOME OF
WHICH ARE OF DOUBTFUL LEGAL AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION.
SPONSORS INSIST THEIR PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED "AS A PACKAGE."
ALSO INSIST THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED THAT ATTACHING RULES
TO THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES BY PACKAGING WILL RESULT
IN MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPPING. THEY HAVE ALSO
BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THIS BY TALK ABOUT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
TO ARTICLE 2, IMCO CONSTITUTION, WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE
AUTHORITY TO IMCO.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE CAN PREPARE RESOLUTION WHICH "ADOPTS"
TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES, DEEP WATER ROUTES, PROJECTED
AIDS TO NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, RULES, AND RECOMMENDA-
TIONS. THIS WILL NOT RESULT IN MANDATORY CONTROLS
SPONSORS SEEK, BUT THEY SEEM TO THINK THAT THIS MAY
SATISFY THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOME.

6. USDEL WILL WORK TOWARD THIS END IN SPITE OF ANY
INSUFFICIENCIES IN ACHIEVING MANDATORY CONTROLS. HOWEVER
DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO CLARIFY MATTER WITH SPONSORING
GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO ASSURE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY ON
PART OF THEIR DELEGATIONS TO ASSURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
APPROVAL OF SCHEME BY IMCO SAFETY OF NAVIGATION SUB-
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